

Amendments to the Specification:

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In one aspect, the invention features a method for authorizing a manual payment of a gaming jackpot. The method comprises receiving a jackpot winning signal from a gaming machine, the jackpot signal including a jackpot value of a player, and receiving a payment user transaction signal, the transaction signal including a payment user identifier and a jackpot transaction value. The method further comprises generating a confirmed jackpot value if the jackpot value of the jackpot winning signal is equal to the jackpot transaction value of the transaction signal. Additionally, the method comprises authorizing transfer of the confirmed jackpot value to the player without a requirement for a corroborating payment witnessing user and creating a record of the authorized transfer.

In another aspect, the invention features a method for paying a gaming machine jackpot. The method comprises generating a jackpot payment transaction request from a jackpot payment user and verifying a jackpot payment request value with a jackpot signal value of a jackpot signal transmitted from a gaming machine. The method further comprises authorizing a transfer without a jackpot payment corroborating witness of a verified jackpot value to a player of the gaming machine and printing a jackpot payment transaction receipt including indicia that a jackpot payment corroborating witness is not required for the transfer of the verified jackpot value.